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25X1 1. In a campaign to amend Clause K, 69th Article, 5th Chapter of the Código de Trabajo (Labor Code), Rodolfo Guzman, Secretary-General of the Confederación de Trabajadores de Costa Rica (CTCR), issued instructions to have all secretaries-general under an affiliated syndicate, the Federación de Trabajadores de Limón, send telegrams to the Secretary of Labor urging the revision in question. Under Clause K, an employer is permitted to deduct from a worker's salary the dues owed to the cooperative or social organization to which he belongs, either at the request of the individual or the organization. The CTCR is trying to have labor unions recognized as social organizations. This would result in a check-off system in favor of the unions, a condition which does not exist at present.

2. The Secretary of Labor, Miguel Branes Gutierrez, is reported to have tipped off both CTCR and Rerum Novarum leaders that the reason the amendment to Clause K was not being pushed was that labor itself had not backed the measure sufficiently. Guzman then went into action to produce the necessary pressure by means of telegrams.

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